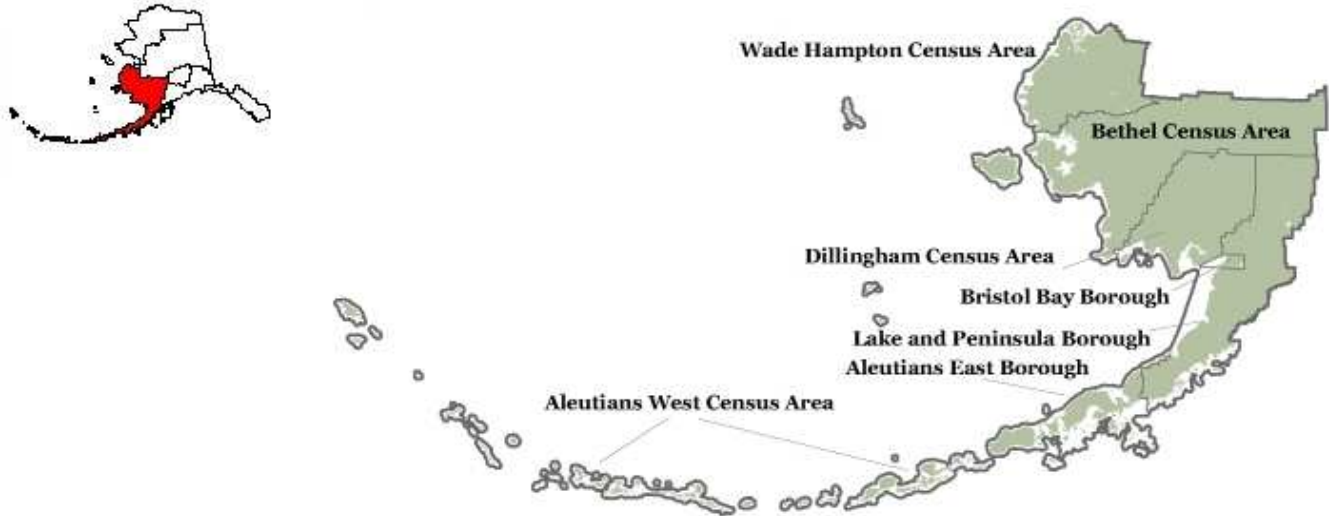


Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Southwest Region



The Southwest Region consists of Aleutians East, Bristol Bay and Lake and Penn boroughs and Aleutians West, Bethel, Dillingham and Wade Hampton census areas.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 39,100, a loss of about 139 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 70 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 41 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Teacher Assistants than any other occupation.

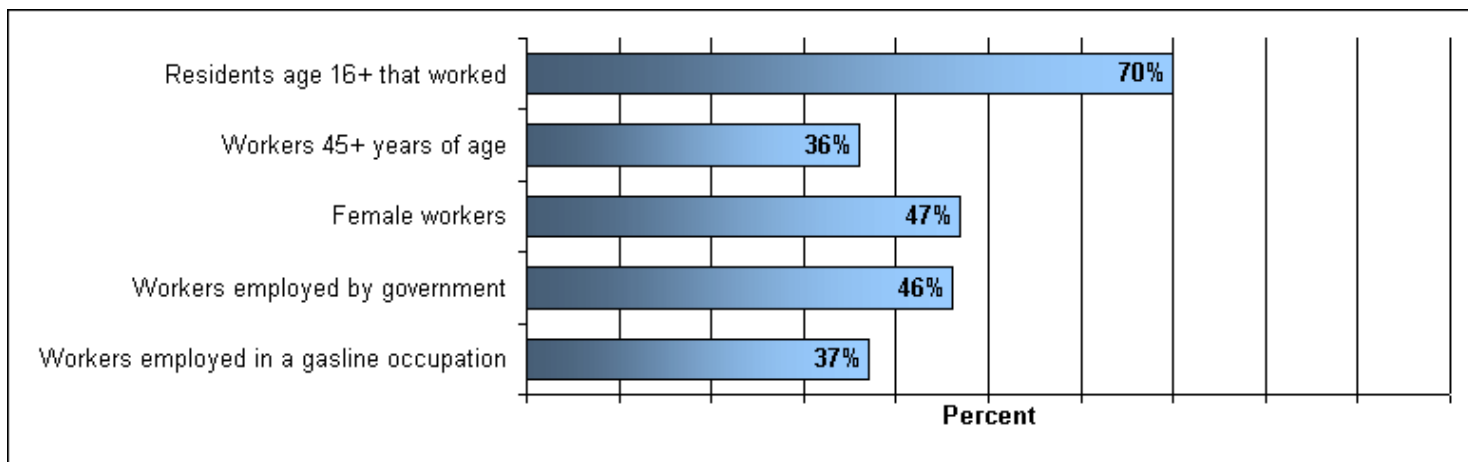
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents **only**. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Southwest Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	23,994	Total wages	\$404,882,216
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	16,749	Private	9,116
Male	8,800	State government	709
Female	7,931	Local government	6,924
Age 45+	6,033	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	4,043	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	14,150
		Percent working all 4 quarters	57.9%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	4,208	Some construction	3,112
		At least 1 year construction	1,134
		At least 2 years construction	419
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	13,547
New hires	7,062		

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2008 Residents

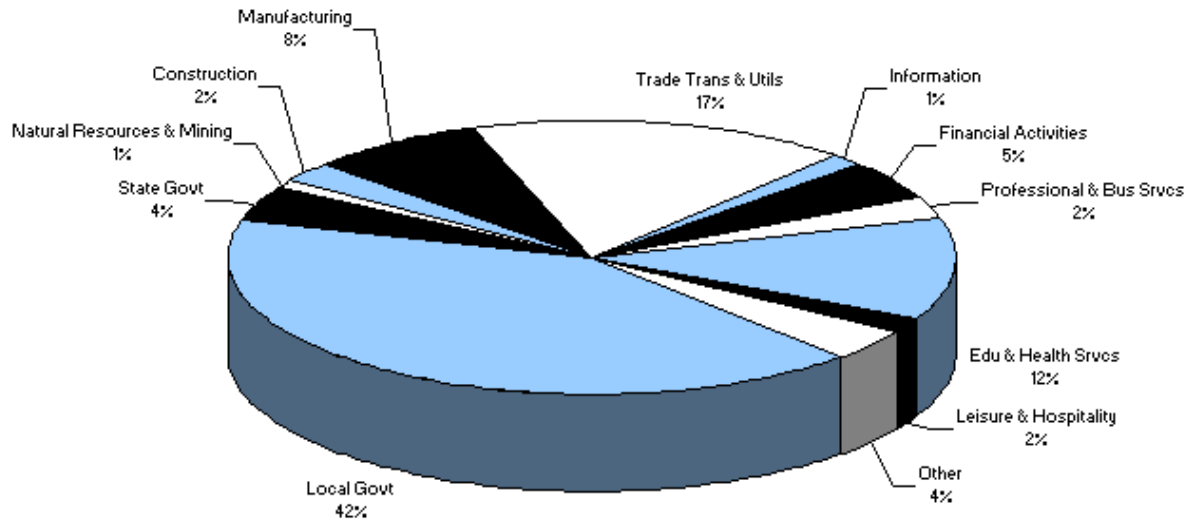


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Teacher Assistants	927	79.5%	404	275
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	708	37.6%	257	181
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	682	10.9%	165	107
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	611	13.8%	144	84
Cashiers	550	73.0%	84	46
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	464	40.1%	230	153
Office Clerks, General AGIA	360	73.9%	97	64
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	353	8.5%	171	112
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers AGIA	349	24.6%	51	34
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	345	64.2%	127	87
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	297	82.2%	95	58
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	277	79.1%	79	48
Retail Salespersons	271	63.5%	40	25
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	261	2.3%	126	86
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	243	83.5%	79	50
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	239	42.7%	28	13
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	233	11.6%	30	14
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	231	87.9%	61	34
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education HOT JOB	225	76.0%	127	97
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	216	80.6%	82	64

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	134	8.2%	27	13
Construction	394	16.0%	105	61
Manufacturing	1,335	35.1%	484	326
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,809	40.5%	815	511
Information	220	25.9%	95	61
Financial Activities	820	31.1%	292	191
Professional and Business Services	408	35.5%	127	78
Educational and Health Services	2,023	69.3%	756	524
Leisure and Hospitality	282	59.9%	86	59
State Government	709	42.1%	335	236
Local Government	6,924	50.2%	2,675	1,837
Other	666	67.1%	229	140

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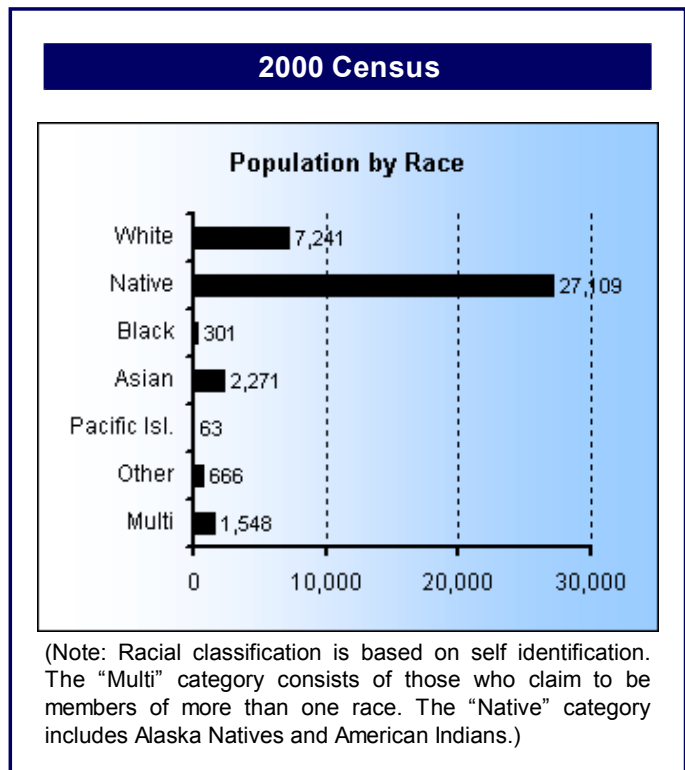
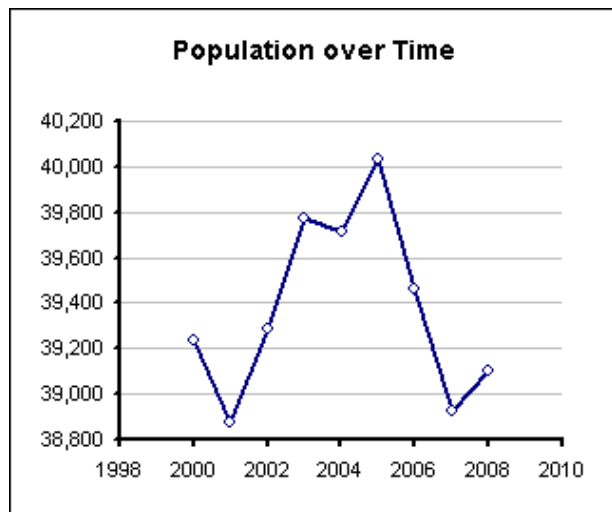
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	2,205	2,496	2,510	2,293
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	13.8%	15.6%	15.8%	14.8%

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp 90
Lower Kuskokwim School District
Lower Yukon School District
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Bristol Bay Area Health Corp
AK Commercial Co
Unisea Inc
Assoc of Village Council Pres
Avcp Housing Authority
Southwest Region Schools



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